has been drawn to the reported negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty amongst signatories to the NPT;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in these negotiations; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Since January 1994, negotiations are being held in the 38 member Conference on Disarmament (CD) in Geneva to conclude a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). These negotiations have made considerable progress though some issues have yet to be resolved. Indira is actively participating in the on-going negotiations. It is expected that a CTBT would be concluded in 1996.

Delay in installation of telephone connections

*343. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the inordinate delay in installation and commissioning of new telephone connections even after issue of an OB or work order in Delhi Telephones;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after the telephone has been installed, it takes weeks before dial-tone is available and a number is allotted;

(c) what is the normal period prescribed for installation and commissioning of a telephone after issue of OB;

(d) what is the total number of OBs pending in Delhi Telephones as on 31st October, 1995; and

(e) what specific action is proposed to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Faulty traffic light signals in Delhi

*344. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2416 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1994 and state:

(a) the details of the 17 places in Delhi where the electronic signals are out of order;

(b) the number of additional places in respect of which the complaints of faulty traffic signals are in the knowledge of the Traffic Police/Keltron;

(c) what are the reasons that despite daily checks by Zonal Officers, traffic lights at Janpath, Connaught Place, Barakhamba Road, Ranjit Singh Marg, Humayun Road, Golf Links, Ashram Chowk and T-Point near Bhogal on Mathura Road continue to be faulty for months together; and

(d) the action Government have so far taken to redress these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The details alongwith present status of the seventeen places where the traffic signals were not fully operational in 1994 is given in the statement *(See below)*.

(b) On 14.12.1995, seven signals were found to be faulty. However, this number varies from time to time as some of the signals may suddenly stop working due to electrical or mechanical failure or due to damage caused by road accidents.

(c) Traffic lights at Janpath, Rajiv Chowk, Barakhamba Raod, Ranjit Singh Marg, Humayun Road, Golf Links, Ashram Chowk and T-Point near Bhogal on Mathura Road are all functional. Whenever they go out of order the defects are rectified as soon as possible.

(d) The following actions have been taken by the Government to redress these complaints:

(i) M/s. C.M.S. Traffic Systems Limited hass been appointed with effect from 1-10-95 to maintain the signals system in the Capital.

(ii) twenty-three traffic signals synchronised corridors have been identified and work has started;

(iii) fresh studies to ensure scientific implementation of signal timings have been conducted;

(iv) priority action has been taken up on ensuring visibility of signals and their cleanliness; to test the utility of Polycarbonate systems in the Indira Chowk corridor and on the Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, the existing wrought-iron system will be replaced by polycarbonate systems.

(v) a state-of-the-art Area Traffic Control System that responds to varying traffic demands on a real-time basis, using vehicle detectors and sensors and which is 16 to 48 percent more efficient as compared to the fixed time system has been adopted; work on three sites *viz.*, Sarita Vihar-Noida T Point Crossing, Rangpuri Crossing and Chowk Mukarba has started.

(vi) traffic management schemes at eleven locations have been implemented for maximising urban mobility within the existing road system;

(vii) in association with the Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE), studies for traffic circulation and management plan in Janpath Lane, Greater Kailash Part-I and Nehru Place area have been conducted and reports have been forwarded to civic road agencies for bringing traffic engineering improvements.

No.	Traffic signal points	Present status
1.	Ansari Road 'T' Point	In working order
2.	Golcha Cinema	In working order
3.	Minto/Thomson Road	In working order
4.	Pul Dufferin (near Mori Gate)/ South Light Point	Closed to implement one way traffic.
5.	Red Fort Chowk light signal	In working order
6.	Nigam Bodh Ghat	Closed due to construction of Flyover of Yamuna Bazar
7.	Pul Dufferin (near Mori Gate)/ North Traffic Signal	Closed to implement one way traffic.
8.	Burari Chowk	In working order
9.	Ashok Vihar, Deep Cinema Light signal	In working order
10.	Kanjhawala Chowk	In working order
11.	Inside Traffic Training Park Light Point	Not in working order (due to non-supply of electricity)
12.	Ritz Cinema, Kashmere Gate	In working order
13.	Mathura Road, Mohd. Ali Marg	In working order
14.	Mother Dairy, New Patparganj Road	In working order
15.	Grand Trunk Karnal Road opposite Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar. II	In working order
16.	Grand Trunk Karnal Road opposite Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar. III	In working order
17.	Bhajanpura Light Signal	Working properly. However, there is frequent load shedding in the area.